FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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William B. Carolan, Treasurer Elections Committee of the County of Orange 1700 East Garry Street, Suite 108 Santa Ana, CA 92705

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Identification Number: C00192302

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/96-6/30/96)

Dear Mr. Carolan:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii), 21(c), 30 and 31, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Please provide a Schedule A to support the entry reported on Line 13 of the Detailed Summary Page. All loans and loan repayments received by your committee must be itemized on Schedule A regardless of the amount loaned or repaid. 2 U.S.C. \$434(b)(3)(E)

-Schedule C of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a loan(s) of \$3,000 from the Elections Committee of the County of Orange (State Account). Please clarify whether this transfer(s) is from an account maintained by your committee for non-federal activity. If so, be advised that such a transfer is prohibited by 11 CFR \$102.5(a)(1)(i) and the full amount of the transfer(s) should be returned to the non-federal account. Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out. In addition, the transfer-out should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 of your next report.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of funds from a non-federal account, your prompt transfer-out of the impermissible funds or clarification of the transaction, will be taken into consideration.

-On Schedule H2, you disclose the ratio for Annual 120+ Brunch to be the same as previously reported; however, it appears that this activity/event was not previously reported. Please amend your! report to clarify this discrepancy. 11 CFR \$104.10(a)(1)

Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for administrative /voter drive and Jazz in July are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/ voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundralsing, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct administrative/voter drive and fundraising EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the purpose or event for several joint expenditures to various vendors. Note that the unique identifying code for an event is not considered an adequate description of purpose. Please amend your report to include this missing information.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include a unique identifying title or code for the payments made to many vendors. 11 CFR \$104.10. Please amend this report (including all affected schedules) to provide a unique identifying title or code for each PURPOSE/EVENT.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses a disbursement(s) to Human Rights Campaign Fund. Please be advised that contributions to federal and non-federal committees do not qualify as shared expenses to be allocated between your federal and non-federal accounts. Contributions to federal committees should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page and contributions to non-federal committees on a separate Schedule B supporting Line 29. Any reimbursement from

your committee's non-federal account for any portion of this contribution(s) is not permissible. 11 CFR \$102.5(a)(1)(i)

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the funds received by your federal account, as reimbursement for the non-federal portion, back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses transfers received from your non-federal account which occur outside the permissible transfer period. Please be advised that transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR \$\$106.5(g)(2) and 106.5(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of these transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period back to your non-federal account. Although, the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23, of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the primary election date. Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. Please clarify the contribution(s) and disclose any redesignations or refunds as necessary on the appropriate schedules.

-2 U.S.C. \$434(b)(3) requires itemization of contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees, where the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in: a calendar year. In addition, 11 CFR \$104.3(a)(2)(i)(B) requires a committee to report the total amount of unitemized contributions (see Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page). If a committee wishes to disclose contributions regardless of the amount contributed, the committee must separate (on separate receipt schedules) those contributors requiring itemization from those who are not required to be itemized. 11 CFR \$104.3(a)(4)(i) For future fillings, please submit your reports in this order.

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A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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